

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. The children have been busy with their new topics this week - Y2 have been to bluebell woods, Y5 have been acting as doctors and Y1 have been preparing for their trip to the farm on Tuesday.

### Learners of the Week

Congratulations to all our learners of the week:

|        |                  |        |                    |
|--------|------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 6BH    | Heidi Baker      | 3BI    | Toby Banks         |
| 5LC    | Ryan du Toit     | 2TP    | Louie Allum-Warren |
| 5LH/HT | Khaleesi Wilson  | 2CC    | Harley Fordham     |
| 4AM    | Louisa Middleton | 1EW    | Mia Abbott         |
| 4LW    | George Muscroft  | 1RF/GM | Reuben Warmington  |
| 3RB    | Izzy Mahoney     |        |                    |

### Teacher Strikes

Next Thursday (27th April) is a potential strike day for teachers. Unless there are announcements made nationally following negotiations, this day will go ahead. We are inviting YR and Y6 into school and this will be a normal day for them, with normal attendance arrangements. Unfortunately we are unable to rotate the year groups. This is down to our risk assessments around safe staffing levels. As you know, we are unable to ask teachers to cover for colleagues. If you need a critical workers' place for your children in Y1 - 5 please complete the Google form

<https://forms.gle/yRkzmnfWxqemYirE7>

Tuesday 2nd May is also a potential strike day. On this day we are offering places for YR and Y6. Again, if you require places for critical worker children in Y1 - 5, please fill out the Google form.

### Swimming

Unfortunately our swimming instructor is leaving us. We are actively recruiting for a replacement however if you know of anyone who is either a swimming instructor or a lifeguard and would be interested in the role please ask them to contact the school. We were also really disappointed to have to cancel swimming this week. The colder weather has meant that the pool has not reached the minimum temperature for us to swim as it lost too much heat over the first few days. We will continue to monitor this over the weekend and will keep our fingers crossed for some warmer weather. Any missed classes will be slotted into the remainder of the term. The following classes will swim next week:

Monday - 3BI, 3SC, 4AM, 5LH/HT, 6NR Group A  
Tuesday - 5LC, 6BH Group B  
Wednesday - 3BI, 3RB, 4AM, 4LW  
Friday - 3BI, 4LW, 5LC, 5LH/HT and 6NR Group B

### Passover

On Thursday KS1 had a celebration day where they learnt all about the Jewish festival of Passover. They learnt about why Passover is celebrated and the similarities and differences in beliefs. They were reminded that not everyone has the same beliefs but we must accept everyone. The children enjoyed learning about the story of Passover, sang songs and participated in taught sessions in class, activities ranged from drama hot seating as Moses to tasting food and putting the plagues in order.



### Y6 School Journey

If parents still have questions about the school journey or would like an opportunity to go over the arrangements again, there will be a meeting held at school at 5pm on Tuesday 16th May. This should be a brief meeting lasting 30 - 45 minutes. Please only attend if you would like to - there is no need if you are confident that you have all the information that you need.

### Sports clubs

We still have spaces in the following clubs. Please contact the school if you are interested in your child joining:

Monday - multi-skills (Y1-Y2)

Tuesday - 3Ts cricket (Y2)

Wednesday - girls football (Y4-Y6)

Friday - boys football (Y4-Y6)

### Coffee and Connect

Parents and carers are invited to join us for a coffee and cake on Wednesday 3rd May. This is a drop in service from 9am to 11am for anyone requiring some support and advice. A number of supporting agencies and organisations will be in school for you to speak to.

### Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

| <b>Week commencing Monday 24 April</b> |   |
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| MONDAY                                 | Start of summer 1                             |
| MONDAY                                 | Swimming - 3BI, 3SC, 4AM, 5LH/HT, 6NR Group A |
| TUESDAY                                | Y1 Trip to Boydells Farm                      |
| TUESDAY                                | Swimming - 5LC, 6BH Group B                   |
| WEDNESDAY                              | Swimming - 3BI, 3RB, 4AM, 4LW                 |
| THURSDAY                               | Strike Day                                    |
| FRIDAY                                 | Swimming - 3BI, 4LW, 5LC, 5LH/Ht 6NR Group B  |

**Date for your diary**

We have had to change the date for the whole school photo and this is now on 19th June.

Yours sincerely  
Clare Charter